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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on September 1, 2005, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made in the Office action in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants believe that no fees are due with this submission other than the enclosed one month extension of time fee, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

AMENDMENTS

Prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows, without prejudice:

- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; and
- Remarks begin on page 5 of this Amendment and Response.